Name:

Date:

Class:

Personal Narrative Final Draft

Expectations and Guidelines

Over the next few nights, you will be finishing up the final draft of your personal narrative. Remember, we have spent a long time working on this project, so make sure the final product is as close to perfect as you can make it!.

Please also note it is a **writing project and writing projects are worth 35% of your English grade.**

**Your personal narrative should meet the following expectations:**

* You must TYPE the draft. You should also …
  + Double space it
  + Include a **heading** with **name, date, and class period** in the upper-right corner of the page
  + Include an appealing, relevant title
  + Use Times New Roman, Cambria, Calibri, or Arial fonts (nothing else!) – **size 12 only!**
    - **Your title can be whatever font you choose as long as it is readable.**
  + Print it on white paper or email it to [jgreen@latinpcs.org](mailto:jgreen@latinpcs.org) if you **cannot** print it at home.
* Turn in the final draft along with your previous rehearsals and flash drafts
* Begin your personal narrative with an engaging lead
* **Elaborate** on the most important events; “zoom in” and describe these events with specific, descriptive details, background information, dialogue, inner monologue, etc.
* Tell your story clearly and in a way that is interesting to the reader
* Indicate why this event (or these events) is important or memorable to you
* Close your story with a conclusion that wraps up the story well and reinforces the significance of the events in your life
* Include proper punctuation, especially when using dialogue in your story
* Be sure to include proper spelling, grammar, and mechanics (pay particular attention to commas – I noticed several people using commas incorrectly in the first drafts)

**Rubric for Personal Narrative**

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|  | **Excellent** | **Very Good** | **Below Average** | **Needs Improvement** |
| You included a title that will draw the reader to your story | 2 | 1.5 | 1 | 0 |
| Your narrative began with an engaging lead. | 5 | 4 | 3.5 | 3 (or lower) |
| You elaborated, or “zoomed in”, with descriptive details where appropriate. | 10 | 8.5 | 7 | 5 (or lower) |
| You told your story clearly and in an interesting way. | 8 | 7 | 5.5 | 4 (or lower) |
| The reader can understand why these events are important to you. | 10 | 8.5 | 7 | 5 (or lower) |
| Your conclusion wraps up the story well and reinforces the significance of these events | 5 | 4 | 3.5 | 3 (or lower) |
| You used proper grammar, spelling, and mechanics throughout the story | 10 | 8.5 | 7 | 5 (or lower) |

**Any points lost? (Lateness, missing drafts, not typed, etc.)**

**Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ points because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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